

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels without prejudice original claims 1 to 15 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE03/002394. This Preliminary Amendment adds new claims 16 to 30. The new claims are believed to conform to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE03/002394 includes an International Search Report, dated November 10, 2003. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were uncovered in the underlying PCT Application. An English translation of the Search Report accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants assert that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are requested.

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